

HOUSE RESOLUTION 372

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A RESOLUTION to commend April Michelle Higgins for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, April Michelle Higgins is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Larry Miller and Representative Larry Turner; her work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted, the House Calendar and Rules Committee, the House State Government Sub-Committee, the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee, and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born June 4, 1980, Ms. Higgins is a graduate of Munford High School, the loving wife of Terry Berlon Dickerson, and the proud and devoted mother of two children, Airia Kelis Smith and Terry Berlon Dickerson, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, she is currently a student at the University of Memphis and plans to attend graduate school to study public administration after completing her undergraduate degree; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded by her peers, she has achieved outstanding academic success while participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and invaluable member of her community and a devout Christian who attends St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Higgins brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2004 legislative session, Ms. Higgins has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, she is a true leader who is destined to succeed in life, according to Chairman Miller, who said, "April will go far in whatever path she chooses because of her hard work ethic and her ability to lead and tackle a challenge. I am going to miss the people skills she brings to the office and the way she brings people together. Watch out America! April is heading in your direction"; and

WHEREAS, April's many accomplishments are a testament to the wonderful upbringing she received from her mother, Clarice Lewis, and her grandparents, Ruby and Jim Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Higgins has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend April Michelle Higgins for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Larry Miller and Representative Larry Turner and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.